

Blair scores only Wycombe goal in his first game

Sports Mail Special Report

KINGSTONIAN ... 1 : WYCOMBE W. ... 1

A GOAL on the stroke of half-time by their new inside right, Gordon Blair, gave Wycombe Wanderers an interval lead they hardly deserved at Kingston. The home side made amends in the second half and equalised with an amazing goal by centre half Joyce.

Kingstonian: Wakefield; Taylor, Bird; Richards, Joyce, Court; Candey, Myers, Clay, Martin, Field.

Wycombe Wanderers: Brown; Beck, Lewis; Thomas, Fisher, Gale; Worley, Blair, James, Holmes, Murphy.

Referee: J Wright (Barkingside).

The nimble little Blair was soon in action for Wycombe with a dart through the centre. Wanderers moved the ball well in the early stages and Thomas fired the first shot over the bar.

The powerful, "new look" Kingstonian attack then penned Wycombe in their own half for fully five minutes but the Wycombe defence was cool under the pressure.

Clay the former Dulwich centre-forward, was about the most consistent forward. He beat Fisher twice within a minute but shot tamely.

FIRST SAVE

Sent sprinting through the Wycombe defence by Myers, he then slashed another drive over the bar.

A shot by Martin flicked off Fisher's boot for a corner as Kingstonian kept up the pressure.

Just afterwards, goalkeeper Ken Brown made his first real save, from winger Candy.

Wycombe skipper Len Worley saw far too little of the ball and inside forwards Blair, Holmes and James were far too casual and easily robbed by the Kingstonian half backs.

After 30 minutes, not one Wycombe forward had mustered a shot at goal and play was dreary and lifeless.

A through-passing movement between wing halves Thomas and Gale—playing with more enterprise than their forwards—nearly led to the opening goal. Blair reached Thomas's pass but flicked his shot into the side netting.

Kingstonian continued to do most of the attacking but were sadly off target. Myers missed an open goal after beating Brown in the penalty area.

In the last second of the half BLAIR scored from James's cross.

Half-time: Kingston 0, Wycombe W. 1.

FURIOUS PACE

Still smarting from being a goal down, Kingstonian began the second half at a furious pace and were bitterly disappointed when they had an equalising goal disallowed.

Myers headed in a beauty from Field's cross and the Kingstonian players and spectators appealed for a goal, claiming that Brown had scooped the ball clear from behind the goal-line.

It was just as well that Brown was in such good form for the Wycombe goal had a charmed life.

The home centre-half DENNIS JOYCE put his team back in the game with an amazing 69th minute equaliser.

Challenging strongly in the Wycombe penalty area he got the ball back from a tackle and slammed a rising shot into the roof of the net.

The Wanderers forwards were showing much more life this half and Worley was particularly dangerous as he began to find his way past full back Bird.

From one of his crosses James headed into Wakefield's arms.

After Fisher had miskicked in his own penalty area Martin missed a good chance for Kingstonian. Fisher was able to recover and boot the ball clear.

RESULT:

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